

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The allowance of claims 1-3, 10 and 11 has been noted.

The allowability of claim 12 if made independent of rejected base claim 6 has also been noted. New claim 14 presents the subject matter of claim 12 in independent form and should be allowable.

Claim 12 has been retained dependent on claim 6 since it is believed that claim 6, as amended, distinguishes over the Dana et al. U.S. patent and should be allowable.

More specifically, claim 6 has been amended by deleting reference to "heteroaryl" in the definition of A. With this change in the A definition, prior provisos (ii) and (v) are unnecessary and have been deleted.

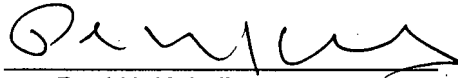
The compounds disclosed in the Dana et al. reference (U.S. 3,527,749) must have at least one heteroaryl group in the form of the R group (and possibly R' which may be the same as R in embodiments). In particular, according to the general formula in Column 1 of the reference, all of the 7 groups listed as possible groups for R are clearly heteroaryl (i.e. they have a nitrogen atom forming part of the aromatic ring). Since the amendments to claim 6 define a compound wherein each A is optionally substituted aryl (the option of heteroaryl being deleted), Dana et al. clearly does not anticipate claim 6 as amended. The same is true for claims 7-9 and 13, these claims being dependent on claim 6 and including the limitations thereof.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Section 102(b) rejection of claims 6-9 and 13 as anticipated by Dana et al. It is also noted that the subject matter of claims 6-9 and 13 is not obvious from the reference as the Examiner has recognized.

Allowance of the application is thought to be in order and is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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